

## **IC 20-12-19.5**

### **Chapter 19.5. Tuition Exemptions for Children of Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters**

#### **IC 20-12-19.5-1**

##### **Tuition exemption**

Sec. 1. (a) The children of:

- (1) regular, paid law enforcement officers;
- (2) regular, paid firefighters;
- (3) volunteer firefighters (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);
- (4) county police reserve officers;
- (5) city police reserve officers;
- (6) paramedics (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);
- (7) emergency medical technicians (as defined in IC 16-18-2-112); or
- (8) advanced emergency medical technicians (as defined in IC 16-18-2-6) (repealed);

who have been killed in the line of duty shall not be required to pay tuition or mandatory fees at any state supported college, university, or technical school, so long as the children are under the age of twenty-three (23) and are full-time students pursuing a prescribed course of study.

(b) The surviving spouse of a:

- (1) regular, paid law enforcement officer;
- (2) regular, paid firefighter;
- (3) volunteer firefighter (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);
- (4) county police reserve officer;
- (5) city police reserve officer;
- (6) paramedic (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);
- (7) emergency medical technician (as defined in IC 16-18-2-112); or
- (8) advanced emergency medical technician (as defined in IC 16-18-2-6) (repealed);

who has been killed in the line of duty may not be required to pay tuition or mandatory fees at any state supported college, university, or technical school, so long as the surviving spouse is pursuing a prescribed course of study at the institution towards an undergraduate degree.

(c) This section applies to the children and surviving spouse of a:

- (1) regular, paid law enforcement officer;
- (2) regular, paid firefighter;
- (3) volunteer firefighter (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);
- (4) county police reserve officer;
- (5) city police reserve officer;
- (6) paramedic (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);
- (7) emergency medical technician (as defined in IC 16-18-2-112); or
- (8) advanced emergency medical technician (as defined in IC 16-18-2-6) (repealed);

if the public safety officer described in this subsection was a resident

of Indiana and was killed in the line of duty before, on, or after July 1, 1993.

*(Formerly: Acts 1972, P.L.169, SEC.1.) As amended by P.L.218-1983, SEC.1; P.L.197-1993, SEC.1; P.L.52-2000, SEC.3; P.L.32-2003, SEC.1; P.L.97-2004, SEC.77.*

## **IC 20-12-19.5-2**

### **Amount of benefits**

Sec. 2. The amount of the benefits under this chapter is equal to one (1) of the following amounts:

(1) If the applicant does not receive financial assistance specifically designated for tuition and mandatory fees, the amount determined under section 1 of this chapter.

(2) If the applicant receives financial assistance specifically designated for tuition and mandatory fees:

(A) the amount determined under section 1 of this chapter;  
minus

(B) the financial assistance specifically designated for tuition and mandatory fees.

*As added by P.L.52-2000, SEC.4.*